

Early Republic Vocabulary and Questions

Early Republic Big Question:

How did the U.S.'s position in the global community change over the course of the first five presidencies?

Early Republic Focus Questions:

1. What events proved that the government, under the Constitution, was strong enough to secure order within the United States?
2. What events proved that the United States had grown into an emerging power with influence on the world stage?
3. When did political parties emerge and how did they change the way that we elect our Presidents?
4. How did the U.S. grow physically during our first five Presidents?

Early Republic Vocabulary

1. **Inauguration:** Ceremony in which the President takes the oath of office
2. **Precedent:** Example for others to follow
3. **Cabinet:** Group who heads departments in the executive branch and advises the President.
4. **National Debt:** Total amount of money a government owes to others
5. **Speculator:** Someone who invests money in a risky venture in the hopes of making a profit
6. **Whiskey Rebellion:** Protest over a tax on all liquor made and sold in the U.S.
7. **French Revolution:** 1789 rebellion in France in which the U.S. was forced to pick sides
8. **Foreign Policy:** Actions a nation takes in relation to other nations

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9. **Neutrality Proclamation:** Statement in which George Washington announced that the U.S. would not support or France or England in their conflict.
10. **Farewell Address:** Speech Presidents give as they leave office
11. **Democratic-Republicans:** Political party that favored a weak national government.
12. **Federalists:** Political party that favored a strong national government
13. **XYZ Affair:** French attempt to bribe the U.S. before talking about French seizure of U.S. ships.
14. **Alien and Sedition Acts:** Unpopular law that made it harder for immigrants to become citizens
15. **Sedition:** Stirring up rebellion against a government
16. **Democratic:** Ensuring that all people have the same rights
17. **Laissez Faire:** Idea that the gov should play as small a role as possible in economic affairs
18. **Free Market Economy:** Economic system in which individuals, not the gov, decide what and how much to produce and sell.
19. **Marbury v. Madison:** Court case that established the precedent of Judicial Review
20. **Judicial Review:** Power of the Supreme Court to decide the constitutionality of laws
21. **Louisiana Purchase:** Vast territory purchased from France in 1803
22. **Expedition:** Long voyage of exploration
23. **Confederation:** a group of states working together but maintaining their sovereignty
24. **War Hawks:** Members of Congress who wanted to go to war with England in 1812
25. **Nationalism:** Devotion to one's country
26. **Battle of Tippecanoe:** Battle against a Shawnee Indian settlement that made William Henry Harrison famous
27. **Battle of Lake Erie:** American victory in the War of 1812 that stopped the British from invading from Canada.

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- 28. **Battle of New Orleans:** American victory in the War of 1812 that stopped the British from gaining control of the Mississippi River.
- 29. **Treaty of Ghent:** ended the War of 1812
- 30. **Adams-Onís Treaty:** Treaty that acquired Florida from Spain
- 31. **Monroe Doctrine:** Foreign policy statement that warned European countries to stay out of Latin America.